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Dear Folks

How's things going back in good old Franklin? Everything is just fine here. Eating swell and getting plenty of vacation.

I suppose all the kids are getting ready for their Christmas Vacation. Bet Marion is happy to get a week or so off. I know John is.

How did N.H.S. make out with their football team this year. Hope they had a pretty fair season. All the boys over here are still keeping up with the sports as much as possible. We all were down hearted to hear that Dear Old Notre Dame had been beaten. Please try and send the Sporting News every week. It sure does feel good to read about those old ball clubs.

I suppose that Bartlett & Dales are as busy as ever. Tell them I sure do miss those strawberry sundies. Have not had any ice-cream since I left the states. But I guess there is not much ice-cream back home either.

How are the kids behaving, bet they are

getting all set for Christmas.

I have drawn some money from the bank & buy the Christmas presents for the family. Also for Chet & Mabel, Lois Bob & the twins I have buy some kind of a little gift for the girls.

Was going to buy & sent the money home for the presents but we have not got payed in over two months. Our records has not caught up with us as yet.

I received a letter from Aunt Sade yesterday Was very glad to hear from her. Am going to write her & Aunt Mabel the first chance I get. Would like to tell you all about this country & our training but that censor will not allow it.

Guess I will close for now. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. That's all for tonight.

Love "Dick"